

eager offerer, choose as the spot for presenting
the
oblations, — fills the sky on every side with his
blaze*

IY. (LXXIIL)

The deities are the AS-WTN-S ; the *RisU* is GOPATANA
of the family

of ATEI, or SAPTATADHBI ; the metre is *Gdyatri*.

L Bise, ASWINS, on my behalf, as I prepare to
varga xvm.

sacrifice ; yoke your car ; let your protection
abide
near me.

2. Come, ASWINS, in your chariot which moves
quicker than the twinkling of an eye ; let your
pro-
tection abide near me.

3. Aswms, ye covered the hot (fire) with cold
(water) for ATRI ; * let your protection abide
near
me.

4. Where are you ? whither are you
gone ?
whither have you flown like hawks ? Let your
pro-
tection abide near me.

5. If to-day, at some time, in some place_a ye
would but hear my invocation, — let your
protec-
tion abide near me*

6. The ASWIHS are earnestly to be invoked in
Varga xix.
emergency; I enter into closest friendship²
with

them ; let your protection abide near me*

7. ASWINS, ye made a sheltering house for ATEI ;³
let your protection abide near me.

¹ Cf. *Rig Yeda*, i. 116. 8.

³ Cf. Tar. lect, and the commentary on i. 36. 12.

* Sayana adds, " When being burned in the cell of the
con-
secrated firr "